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Subject: INSPECTION OF MECHANICAL ROOM FIREPROOFING

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On April 29, 1965, I inspected the Mechanical Room fireproofing with Ray Monti at the LAG Terminal Building and the World's Fair Exhibit Building.

At the La Guardia Mechanical Room, the fireproofing is Limpet (mineral--wool--asbestos) exposed. This material is flaking off. They are experiencing much difficulty there. This material is also being knocked off by maintenance, and the exposure to high humidity is not helping the installation.

Attached are photos taken of this installation.

The fireproofing at the Exhibit Building is Cafco (mineral --wool--asbestos) exposed. This installation is in the Mechanical Rooms and kitchen areas and appears to be in better condition; however, this installation called for a surface preparation, special tamping, and a heavy duty sealer on the outside surface. The total cost of this installation could have been spent for a better fireproofing; however, at that time they needed a lightweight for this structure. Attached are photos of this installation.

I think that at this time we should take a closer look at the availability of Vonco. I know that there is some activity going on with this material, but it seems to be 'close to the vest'. I would like to meet with U. S. Steel Research Division and also inspect the Vonco plant to see actually what the situation is there.

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